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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COPPIETERS, Mr PANNELLA,
Mrs BONINO, Mr BLANEY, Mrs CASTELLINA,
Mr CAPANNA, Mr LYNAGE, Mr DE GOEDE,
Mrs DEKKER and Mr VERROKEN

with request for urgent debate pursuant
to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the jurisdiction of the French
'Cour de Sureté de l'Etat' in the light
of Articles 6 and 13 of the European
Convention on Human Rights.

The European Parliament,

- concerned at the frequent trials of Breton autonomists in France and the consequent stifling of democracy in that country,
 - convinced that only a policy of respect for human and civil rights can lead to mutual understanding between the peoples of Europe,
1. Recognizes the Breton people's inalienable right to their own culture and ancestral territory;
 2. Stresses the urgent need for the Member States of the European Community to introduce a Community system of protection for cultural and ethnic minorities;
 3. Proposes that a committee be set up to support and protect cultural and ethnic minorities in the European Community;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

REASONS SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The request for urgency is justified by the trial of a group of Breton autonomists which began on 16 September and the alarming reports on the treatment received by the accused against which the Human Rights League has already protested.